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State of Utah Natural Resources Oil Gas and Mining 355 W. No. Temple 3 Triad Center, Suite 350 Salt Lake City, UT 84180 Attn: John Whitehead



DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Whitehead,

Enclosed is the seed mixture we will have the Kelmine use for reclamation of their proposed waste dumps. We feel very strongly that this seed mixture is more appropriate than Division of Wildlife Resource's (DWR's) seed list proposal. DWR's seed mixture would have interspecific competition and has a potential for intraspecific competition. Standard procedure would warrant only 10-20 pounds per acre versus DWR's rate of 58 pounds per acre. In addition, there are some cost prohibitive species on DWR's list and some species that do not have a good success rate.

The seed mixture we will have Kelmine use was compiled by our reclamation specialist based on what is native to the area, the success rate of these species in this type of ecosystem, and cost. Forbs were omitted because of their poor success rate when planted. Forbs will eventually re-establish naturally.

Since the operation is proposed for fifteen and one half years, we will make a provision for changing any species on the list base on new date, i.e. new varities, new plant materials, etc. We hope that we can come to an agreement on the seed mixture in order to prevent the operators from having to purchase two entirely different seed mixtures for his operation, which is located on State and public lands. If you have any specific questions regarding the seed mix list, please call Jeff Robbins at (801) 259-8193.

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Sincerely yours,

Colin P. Christens

Enclosure: Kelmine Seed Mixture

KELMINE SEED MIXTURE

Species

Grasses

Boutelova gracilis Oryzopsis hymenoides Dactylis glomerata	Blue grama Indian ricegrass Orchard grass (Piute var.)	1 1 1
Agropyron cristata	Crested Wheatgrass	1
Shrubs		
Ceratoides lanata	Winterfat (White sage)	1
Atriplex canescens Astemesia tridentata	Fourwing saltbrush Sagebrush	1
	TOTAL	7 lbs/ac

Broadcast seed will be applied at double the above rate. Seeding will be done in the fall of the year (Oct. - Dec.).